




Memorandum

Date: March 19, 1999

To: CALFED Policy Group

From: Lester A. Snow 

Subject: Concurrence Items and Items for Follow-up from the March 10 Policy Group Meeting

The following are the outcomes from some of the issues you discussed at the March 10 Policy Group meeting.

Water Management Strategy

Decision: The Policy Group expressed concurrence with the general approach on the Water management Strategy.

Decision: The Policy Group expressed concurrence on the overall approach to Integrated Storage Investigation, acknowledging that refinements will be made based on stakeholder comments.

Next steps: Policy Group will be briefed on progress to date on both efforts at the April and May Policy Group meetings, including reports on comments from the various stakeholder communities.

Between now and release of the draft revised EIR/S in June, the Policy Group will be reviewing better definition of the Water Management Strategy tools and performance standards, as well as the increased technical detail on the Integrated Storage Investigation; and reviewing and reaching agreement on the Water Management Strategy objectives and alternative demand scenarios.

Stage I Actions and Bundles

Decision: Concurrence on general approach.

CALFED Agencies

California

- The Resources Agency
- Department of Fish and Game
- Department of Water Resources
- California Environmental Protection Agency
- State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of the Interior
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- Department of Agriculture
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Department of Commerce
- National Marine Fisheries Service

Next steps: Revised document to be distributed to the CALFED agencies and to stakeholders for their comments. Revised document will be discussed at the BDAC meeting on March 25, including estimated cost allocations.

Governance

Action: Staff will report back to Policy Group at the April meeting with a proposal for overall CALFED governance and for governance structures for each Program component.

Action: Policy Group indicated that the state and federal agencies need to increase their participation in the governance discussions. Staff requested that state and federal staff be assigned to be the contact for the governance for the governance effort.

Policy on Funding Endowments with Land Acquisitions

Decision: CALFED will not fund endowments for O&M costs on acquired lands.